MR. K. A. MATHEW: It is about seven months since the order has been issued. Does the honourable member think that it was pardonable on the part of the local Inspector to take such a long time to put that order into effect especially when the order was passed at the request of the local public and the public has gone to the Dewan and reported the matter to him?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: It is obvious that there is some delay. Letters are sent every fortnight; the matter will not be delayed further.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the shop will be removed before this year is out?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: I cannot say it would be removed before this year is out because we have got only a few days more. But I can assure the House that no avoidable delay will be permitted.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: That is not very enlightening. It is about 8 months since the order was issued, but the honourable member says that there are only a few days left for the close of this year. Government have already issued an order. May I know whether the honourable member would see that the order is immediately put into effect so that the demands of the public will be met?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Yes, Sir. As early as possible.

Excise Department.

456. ✻ MR. BRAHMAPURAM P. YESUDIAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the clerks of the Excise Department get their appointment from the Public Service Commissioner;

(*b*) whether there are undergraduates in clerical posts in the above department;

(*c*) whether graduates are appointed as clerks;

(*d*) the authority who appoints Preventive Officers and the qualifications and pay for which they are entitled;

(*e*) the scale for second grade Preventive Officers and that for third grade Preventive Officers;

(*f*) the grade in which recruitment of graduates in the near future would be effected; and

(*g*) the grade and pay for previous recruitment of graduates as Preventive Officers?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) Yes. Initial appointments are advised by the Public Service Commissioner.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Initial appointments of Preventive officers (II Grade) are advised by the Public Service Commissioner. Promotions are given by the Excise Commissioner.

Grade.	*Pay.*	*Qualifications.*
III Grade Preventive officer	Rs. 22	Departmental test.
II Grade Do.	25	Graduation for recruitments (E. S. L. C. and departmental test for promotion.)

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(*e*) III Grade Preventive officer Pay Rs. 22.
II Do. Do. ,, 25.
(*f*) II Grade,
(*g*) The pre-revision III Grade on Rs. 22.

Anchal Office at Ponkunnam.

457 *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government for the construction of the building in which the Anchal Office at Ponkunnam is now run;

(*b*) when was it completed;

(*c*) what additional structures and what additional works have to be made for the Anchal Office at Ponkunnam;

(*d*) whether any amount was set apart for that in the budget for the current year;

(*e*) whether any work was undertaken in pursuance of the estimate;

(*f*) if not, why not;

(*g*) whether it was for opening a public call office that the Government undertook to construct a public building for the purpose of the Anchal Office; and

(*h*) why the public call office was not opened in the Ponkunnam Anchal Office?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Rs. 2,670.

(*b*) 19-6-1120.

(*c*) 1. Providing compound walls on the northern and western sides.
2. Providing a wooden letter box.
3. Providing ceiling to the verandah.
4. Constructing a gate in the front compound wall.
5. Providing a yard in front and an approach road to the gate.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The estimates were received only in Medom 1120.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*g*).

Non-availability of cards and covers from Anchal Offices.

458. *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether complaints from the public have been received by the Government regarding the non-availability of cards and covers from Anchal Offices; and

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) It has been brought to the notice of Government that Anchal cards and covers are not available in adequate numbers in certain centres in the State.

(*b*) Prompt measures have been taken to replenish stocks of Anchal covers and cards.

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